

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC TELEPHONE FACILITY IN VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of villages where telephone facility has been made available and the number of villages where this facility has not been provided till October 31, 2000, State-wise;
- (b) the number of telephone facilities provided in the villages during the last six months, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which the telephone facility is likely to be provided in the remaining villages of the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) Telephone facility has been made available in 3,83,056 villages out of the total 607,491 villages in the country till October 31, 2000. Number of villages, where the said facility has not been provided, is 2,24,435 villages. State-wise details are in Annexure.
- (b) Telephone facility has been provided in 8,451 villages during the last six months. State-wise details are in Annexure.
- (c) Department plans to provide telephone facility in all the remaining revenue villages of the country by March 2002 with the joint efforts of other Fixed Service Providers.